



Indian Education
Montana Office of Public Instruction
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INDIAN EDUCATION FALL 2009 ANNUAL DATA COLLECTION SUMMARY



This summary reflects the responses from 840 schools in October 2009 regarding Indian Education for All and Indian Student Achievement.

◈ Does your district have a board approved policy on the implementation of MCA 20-1-501, Indian Education for All?

- Yes – 824 (98.3%)
- No – 16 (1.7%)
- On last year's survey, 820 (97.4%) schools said yes and 22 (2.6%) said no.

◈ Have your school board members received training regarding Indian Education for All in the past year?

- Yes – 420 (50%)
- No – 420 (50%)

◈ Have your administrators received training regarding Indian Education for All in the past year?

- Yes – 725 (86.5%)
- No – 115 (13.5%)

◈ How would you rate your teachers' overall background knowledge: (scale of low-medium-high)

	Contemporary Issues			History		
	Number	Percent	Percent In 2008	Number	Percent	Percent in 2008
• Low	61	7.3	10.3	29	3.5	3.8
• Medium	644	76.7	76.2	604	71.9	74.5
• High	135	16.1	13.4	207	24.6	21.7

Government Structures and Sovereignty				Treaties and Federal Policy		
	Number	Percent	Percent 2008	Number	Percent	Percent 2008
● Low	230	27.4	31.5	279	33.2	39.8
● Medium	545	64.9	61.4	519	61.8	55.6
● High	65	7.7	7.1	42	5.0	4.6
Arts and Literature + Maybe next year, separate Arts and Literature into two?						
	Number	Percent	Percent 2008			
● Low	47	5.6	7.2			
● Medium	567	67.5	71.0			
● High	226	26.9	21.7			
● Ten schools indicated low in all areas, 264 indicated medium in all areas, and 21 indicated high in all areas.						
◆ Which OPI Indian Education materials and resources have been used in your school? Check all that apply.						
Material/Resource	Number	%	% 2008			
● Web site	773	92.0	91.0			
● Reference Materials Sent to Libraries	658	77.4	79.0			
● Essential Understandings.	597	71.1	71.7			
● OPI Indian Education DVDs	589	70.1	74.8			
● Montana Indians Their History and Location.	579	68.9	67.1			
● Model Lesson Plans.	535	63.7	58.6			
● Connecting Cultures	523	62.3	62.7			
● Indian Education Literature and Resource Guidance	515	61.3	58.3			
● American Indians 101	505	60.1	59.1			
● Evaluating American Indian Materials and Resources	461	54.9	55.6			
● Tribal Histories.	319	38.0	-----			
● Guide for Evaluating Indian Education Programs/Materials.	301	35.8	35.6			
● History and Foundation of American Indian Education	290	34.5	32.2			
● Your Guide to Understanding and Enjoying Pow Wows	281	33.5	31.7			
● Ready-to-Go Materials.	238	28.3	22.8			
● None	11	1.3	1.7			
● Seventy-three schools, or 8.7%, indicated they used all the resources.						
◆ Which type of professional development would best meet your staff’s needs for training regarding Indian Education for All? (check only one answer)						
PD Type	Number	%				
● On-site Training	426	50.9				
● Conferences	193	23.1				
● Web-based Training	189	22.6				
● College Courses	32	3.8				

◆ What do you see as your school's greatest need to effectively implement Indian Education for All? Rate from 1-6 with 1 as your greatest need.

	Number		Percent	Number Saying
	Ranking 1st	Percent	in 2008	Not a Need
• Teacher Training	248	29.5	33.0	0
• Curriculum Integration	189	22.5	22.3	1
• Sample Lessons/Units	116	13.8	16.2	3
• Materials/Content	111	13.2	10.6	3
• Presenters/Guest Speakers	134	16.0	10.3	0
• Background Information	42	5.0	7.6	5

◆ Please indicate the status of your district's plan for implementing Indian Education for All.

	Number	Percentage
• A plan has been developed	301	35.8
• A plan has been started	505	60.1
• There is no current plan	34	4.0

Note: There are 55 school systems where the answers within the schools were not the same.

◆ Indian Education for All funds for the 2008-09 biennium are limited to curriculum development, providing curriculum materials to students, and providing training to teachers about curriculum and materials. What are your school's plans for these funds during the coming year? Check all that apply. Note: These figures do not include the 21 private, non-public schools that are accredited by the Board of Public Education that are required to complete the Annual Data Collection.

Type of Use	Number	Percent	Percent in 2008
• Providing curriculum materials to students	617	75.7	75.2
• Curriculum development	585	71.8	74.3
• Training regarding curriculum materials	545	66.9	70.0

Note: Four schools which are public schools indicated they are private and did not mark anything for which they will use their funds.

◆ What are your school's plans for using the American Indian Student Achievement gap funding for this year? Check all that apply. These figures reflect the responses from the 618 schools which indicated they have American Indian students enrolled.

Topic	Number	Percent	Percent in 2008 (595)
• Professional Development	385	62.8	69.7
• Purchase Library Books	357	58.2	60.0
• Presenters/Guest Speakers	296	48.3	52.8

● Field Trips	296	48.3	48.9
● Purchase Textbooks	244	39.8	36.8
● Tutoring/Other After-School Programs	207	33.8	29.6
● Incorporate Programs and Services	155	25.3	18.5
● Provide Student Incentives	134	21.9	20.0
● Develop/Implement Summer School Programs/Materials	106	17.3	15.8
● Hire Teachers/Staff	70	11.4	8.7
● Credit Recovery Programs/Materials	68	11.1	7.7
● Develop/Implement Dropout Prevention Programs/Materials	54	8.8	6.1
● Other	14	2.3	6.9
● Curriculum Review and/or Development	1	0.2	54.8